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In re Application of:

Kunio NINOMIYA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2631

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Examiner: Phuong M. Phu

For: MULTI-SYSTEM RECEIVER
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVER

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2004, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, species Group 1 (claims 1-3, Fig. 1) for initial examination in this application. Claims 1-3 read on the elected species and no claim is generic to all species outlined in the Office Action.

Applicants traverse the election requirement since all of species Groups 1-5 are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for species Group 1 should encompass a thorough and complete search for species Groups 2-5.

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Search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and unnecessary duplicative examination by the USPTO.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement and examination of all species herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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